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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

Senate No. SB1700  
By Burks

AN ACT to designate the bridge which spans Brawley Creek on State Route 99 in Cannon County as the "Ellis Thomas Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who contributed significantly to the overall growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Thomas was an instrumental force in the business, social and civic life of the Cannon County community of Bradyville, of which he was a lifelong resident; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of great integrity, probity, industry and acumen, Mr. Thomas was a community leader who evidenced exceptional generosity and compassion for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas worked assiduously to ensure a bright future for the good people of Bradyville and Cannon County and their progeny; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was truly an inspirational leader among his peers, as he distinguished himself by means of his meritorious public service and unflagging commitment to his family and his neighbors; and

WHEREAS, a noble son of the soil, Mr. Thomas spent his entire life engaged in farming, because he cherished both the vocation and the land as part of his essential self; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon County Commission, in conjunction with several other prominent citizens of the Bradyville community, has expressed a desire to name a certain bridge to honor Ellis Thomas' bountiful life of purpose; and

WHEREAS, because Mr. Thomas owned and farmed the land adjacent to this bridge for some fifty-five remarkable years, it is most appropriate that this bridge should bear his honorable name; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly always endeavor to comply with the wishes of county governments on matters of local concern, whenever it is feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, the bridge that spans Brawley Creek on State Route 99 near the Bradyville community in Cannon County is hereby designated the "Ellis Thomas Memorial Bridge" to honor the memory of this exemplary gentleman who was most assuredly a worthy representative of the true spirit of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Ellis Thomas Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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